

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Osborn Model, Sears House Inventory Number: PG:70-83  
Address: 10711 North Lansdale Road City: Glenn Dale Zip Code: 20769  
County: Prince George's USGS Topographic Map: Lanham  
Owner: Heather Langford Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 36, B3 Tax Map Number: 2609 Tax Account ID Number: 1673169  
Project: Baltimore-Washington Maglev Amtrak Agency: MTA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? X yes \_\_\_ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: PG-~~7252~~ 70-52  
NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: Glenn Dale Survey District  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes \_\_\_ no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Prince George's County Bungalow Survey

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The house at 10711 North Lansdale Road in Glenn Dale is an intact example of the Osborn Model by Honor-Bilt sold through the Sears catalogue in the late 1920s. In its catalogue description, the model, which sold for \$2,768, is billed as being "from the golden west" and "the most pleasing type of stucco and shingle-sided bungalow in Spanish mission architecture." The house is built on the reverse plan of the model in the catalogue, and is clad in brown shingles with gray-beige stucco porch walls and columns with red-brick coping. The exterior details appear intact, including the distinctive 18/1 wood sash windows.

Sears "'already cut' and fitted" houses were important in American architectural history of the early twentieth century. The company was responsible for the popularization and dissemination of "styled" architecture for everyman, as opposed to prohibitively expensive high-style architect-designed houses for the wealthy or the traditional vernacular of a particular region. Throughout Prince George's County and the metropolitan DC area, there are numerous examples of Sears houses, however, few have retained the level of integrity and intact architectural features as this particular house, one of two of this model found in the county. This house is recommended as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register under criterion C.

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Date Prepared: 05/21/2002

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_

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MHT Comments

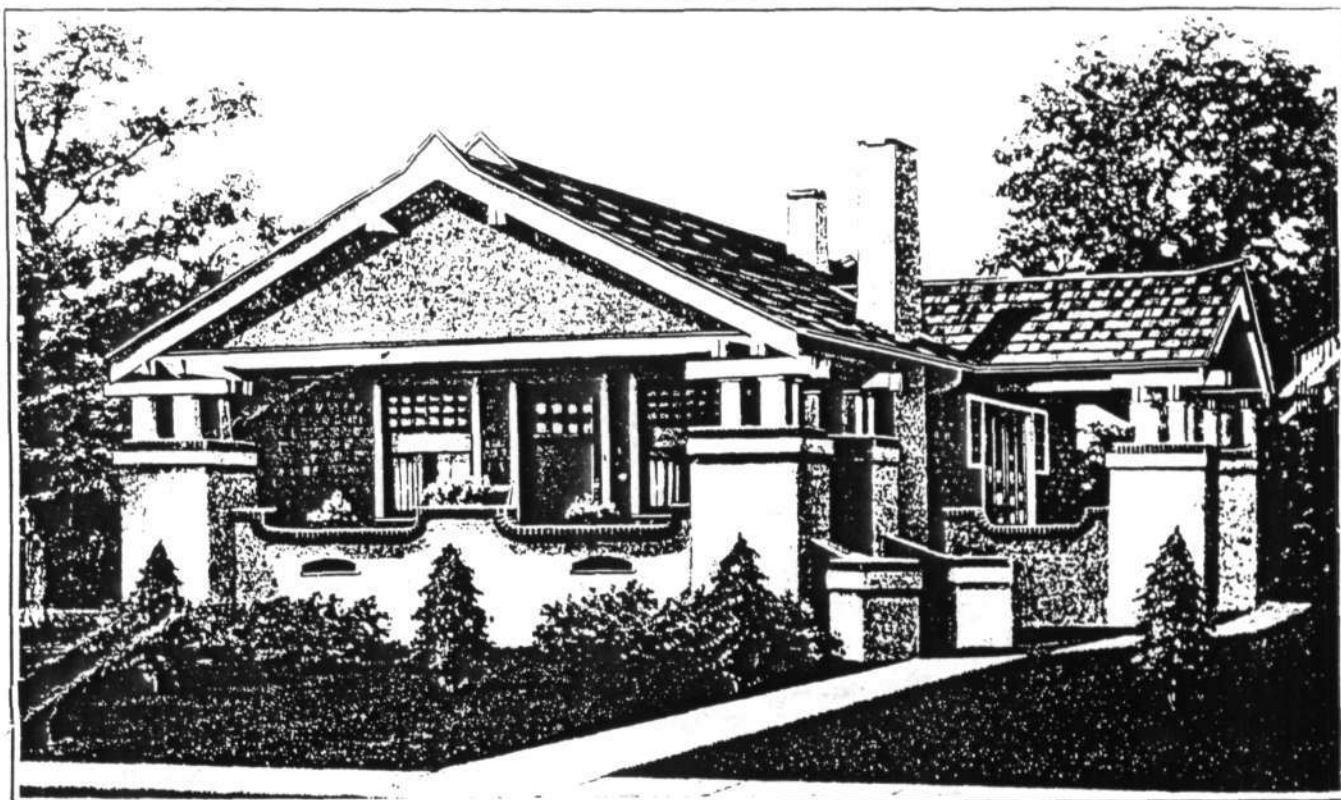
Andrew Lewis ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

07/10/02  
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# FROM THE GOLDEN WEST



**T**HE OSBORN is the most pleasing type of stucco and shingle sided bungalow in Spanish mission architecture. Where will you find its equal? Massive stucco porches and bulkheads, trimmed with red brick coping, give that needed touch of color, emphasizing its graceful lines. The timber columns resting on the large square piers or concrete columns, are in perfect harmony with the rest, and support the graceful roof with its wide verge boards and timber purlins. Here the architect has given careful study to every detail, and furnished a creation that is striking, yet restful. The shingle siding, the timber wood columns, corbels and purlins, can be painted or stained a rich brown, or dark brick red, with most pleasing effect, in contrast with the gray stucco porch walls and chimney.

The Osborn will appeal to the lover of nature because of its two open porches both sheltered by the main roof, and the sleeping porch in the rear. The side porch is private, size 13 feet by 8 feet 8 inches. The front porch is provided with steps and landing leading to the front entrance, and is 22 feet by 9 feet, which is of unusual size.

**The Living Room.** This spacious room extends the entire width of the house. Size, 23 feet 11 inches by 11 feet 11 inches. One is immediately impressed with the cozy brick mantel and fireplace which is at one end of the room. At each side of mantel is a bookcase with leaded glass doors, and a nine-light window above each bookcase. A window seat with hinged cover is at the other end of the room. The window seat has storage space for clothing, blankets, etc. At each side of the window seat is a coat closet. Ample wall space will accommodate a piano and pictures, while the large floor area provides a good setting for furniture, including davenport. Five windows furnish an abundance of light and ventilation.

**The Dining Room.** A cased opening with a bookcase on either side, leads from the living room to the dining room. Size, 13 feet 7 inches by 15 feet 1 inch. Walls are paneled according to the latest mode. Space accommodates a complete dining room set. French doors lead to private side porch. A cheerful atmosphere is assured with a flood of light and air from the windows and French doors.

**The Kitchen.** Directly back of the dining room is the kitchen. It is 8 feet 5 inches by 14 feet 3 inches. It has two large cupboards, a convenience that is appreciated by the

**Honor Bill**  
*The Osborn*  
No. P12050A "Already Cut" and Fitted  
**\$2,768<sup>00</sup>**

busy housewife. Each cupboard is equipped with adjustable shelves. The large cupboard has a working surface that does away with the need of a table. Sink is placed underneath window. There is a space for the range and refrigerator or table. Three windows provide light and cross ventilation. A door leads to rear entry and steps to basement and grade.

**The Bedrooms.** From the dining room a door opens into the hall connecting with bedrooms, bathroom and hall coat closet. Each bedroom has a clothes closet, and is lighted and aired by two windows.

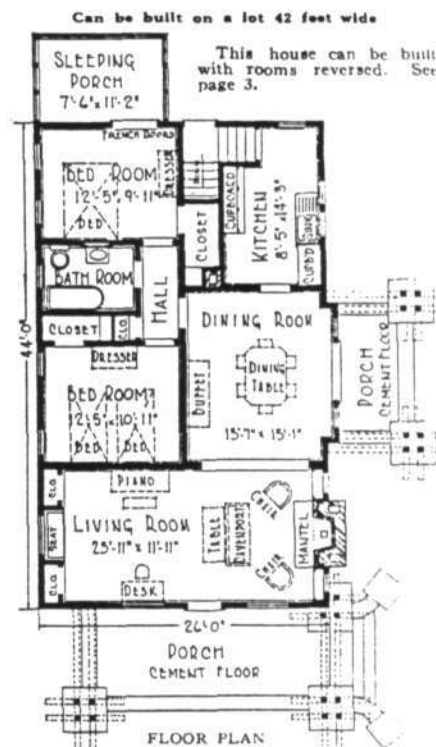
**The Bathroom.** Located between bedrooms. It has a medicine cabinet. A window provides plenty of light and air. French doors connect the rear bedroom with sleeping porch. There is a space for two beds and other suitable furnishings. One may sleep out-of-doors and still have all the comforts of an interior room.

**The Basement.** Lighted by cellar sash on three sides. Room for furnace, storage and laundry.

**Height of Ceilings.** Main floor, 9 feet from floor to ceiling. Basement, 7 feet from floor to joists. Basement has cement floor.

## What Our Price Includes

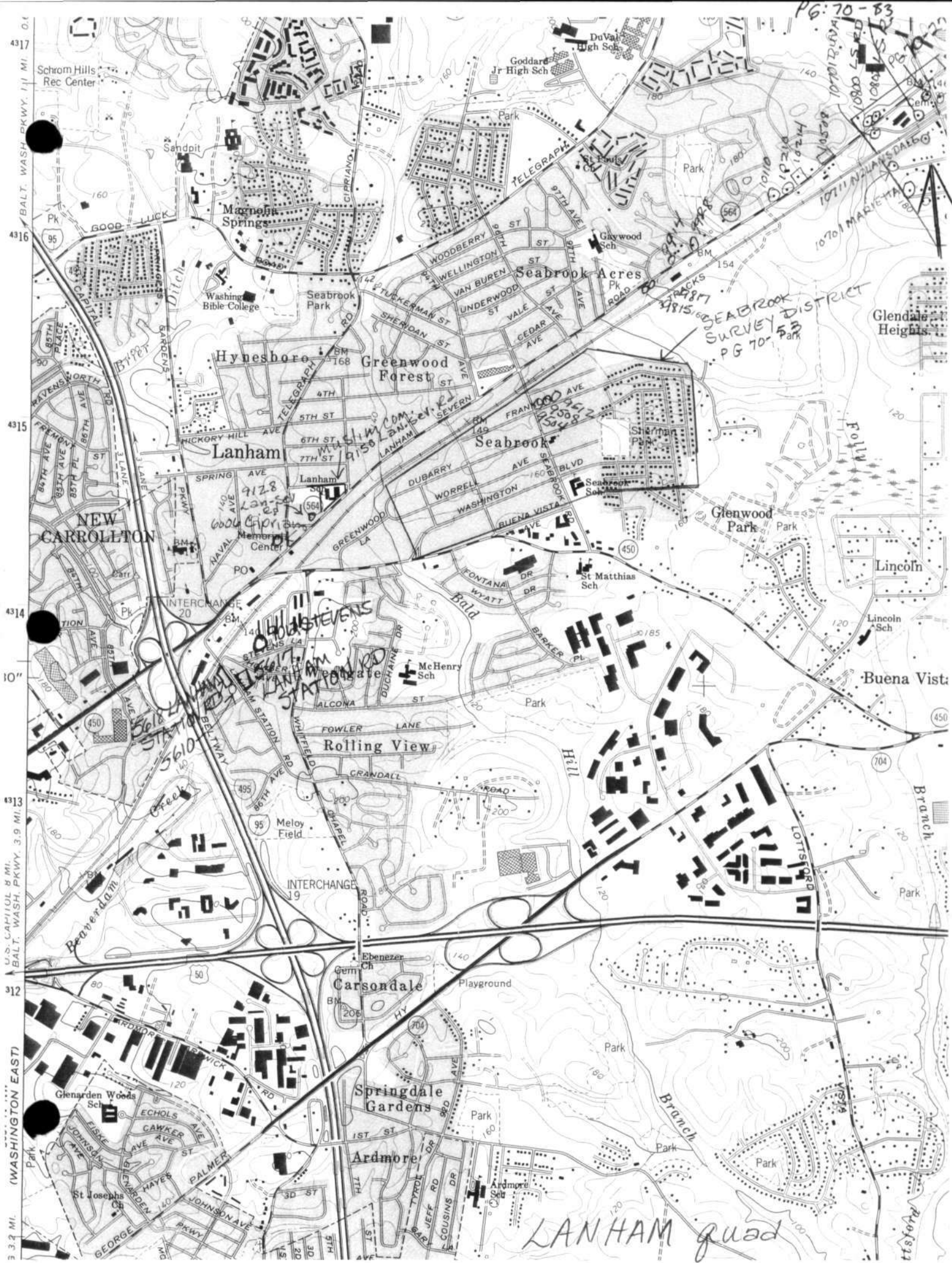
At the price quoted we will furnish all the material to build this five-room and sleeping porch bungalow, consisting of:  
Lumber; Lath;  
Roofing, Best Grade Clear Red Cedar Shingles;  
Siding, Best Grade Clear Red Cedar Shingles;  
Framing Lumber, No. 1 Quality Douglas Fir or Pacific Coast Hemlock;  
Flooring, Clear Maple for Kitchen and Bathroom, Clear Oak for Balance of Rooms;  
Sleeping Porch Floor, Clear Edge Grain Fir;  
Porch Ceiling, Clear Douglas Fir or Pacific Coast Hemlock;  
Finishing Lumber;  
High Grade Millwork (see pages 108 and 109);  
Interior Doors, One-Panel Design of Douglas Fir;  
Trim, Beautiful Grain Douglas Fir or Yellow Pine;  
Windows, California Clear White Pine;  
Screens for Sleeping Porch;  
Medicine Case;  
Kitchen Cabinet; Kitchen Cupboard;  
Bookcase Colonnade; Bookcases;  
Mantel; Wall Safe;  
Eave Trough and Down Spout;  
40-Lb. Building Paper; Sash Weights;  
Chicago Design Hardware (see page 120);  
Paint for Three Coats Outside Trim;  
Stain, Two Brush Coats for Shingles on Walls;  
Shellac and Varnish for Interior Trim and Doors;  
Shellac, Paste Filler and Floor Varnish for Oak and Maple Floors;  
Complete Plans and Specifications.  
We guarantee enough material to build this house. Price does not include cement, brick or plaster.  
See description of "Honor Bill" Houses on pages 12 and 13.



## OPTIONS

Sheet Plaster and Plaster Finish, to take the place of wood lath, \$127.00 extra. See page 140.  
Oriental Asphalt Shingles, guaranteed 17 years, instead of wood shingles, for the roof, \$61.00 extra.  
Oak Doors and Trim, for living room and dining room, \$214.00 extra.  
Storm Doors and Windows, \$123.00 extra.  
Screen Doors and Windows, galvanized wire, \$55.00 extra.

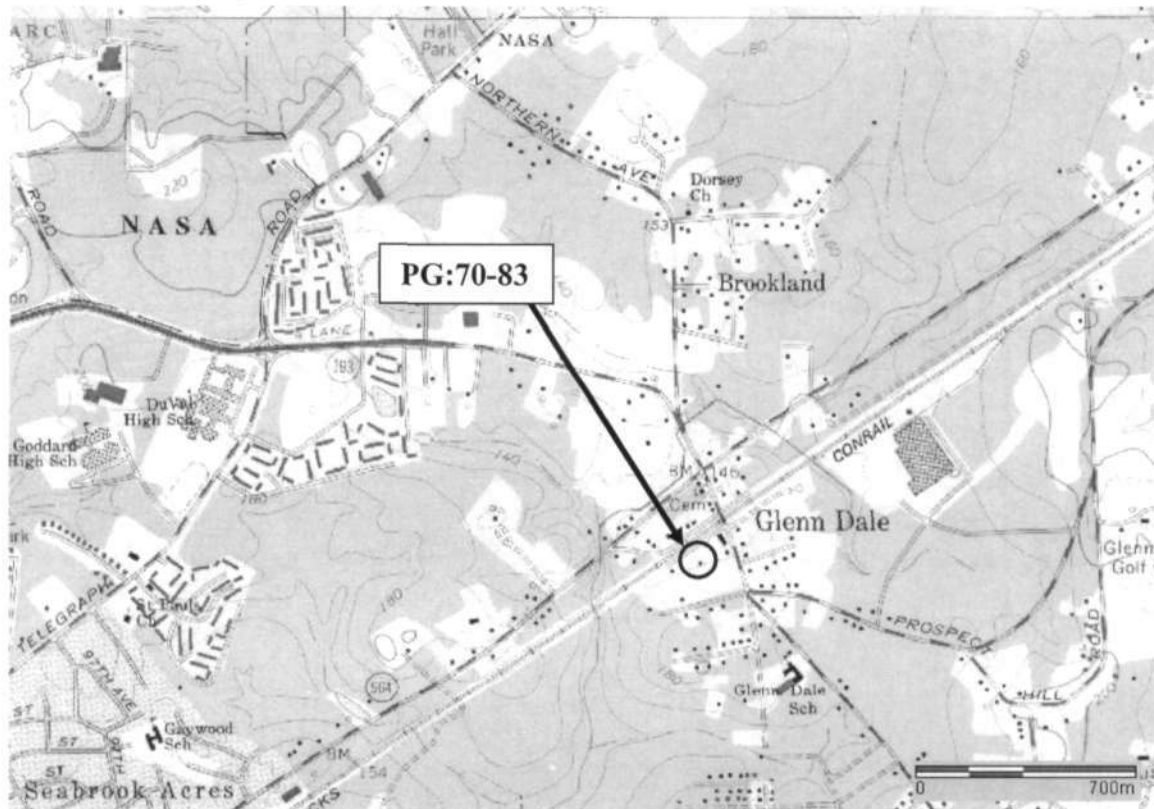
For prices of Plumbing, Heating, Wiring, Electric Fixtures and Shades see pages 138 and 139.





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10711 N. Lansdale Street, Glenn Dale  
Lanham Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 36, plt 114064, Block 3 Lot 10





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